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Dear Mom & Dad,

We had a good time in Montreal. Underground there are miles of shops and restaurants in conjunction with the subway system. It is especially nice during the winter when the weather can get pretty bad. We ate at a couple of nice restaurants. Vickie always tries to find something new and ordered calves brains one evening. Also tried rabbit meatloaf as an appetizer.

It took 16 hours to drive home on Sunday because of traffic and some snow in Northern New York. We stopped often, however, and enjoyed the ride.

I went up to the Newport R.I. Navy Base for a one-day trip today. The plane left at 11 AM and I got back at 5 PM so I am a little sleepy tonite. We are watching "The Coine Minting" on TV.

We may get to do some travelling in January. I likely will be riding a ship from San Diego to the Phillipines. Of course, if a peace agreement is signed then all ship's schedules will be changed. I don't know what the Navy will do without a war to participate in! If I go then Vickie will take an eight-day trip to Europe. We may end up on diametrically opposite sides of the globe.

I see you are getting snow and cold weather. It was 70° here today - Jim